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Main Entry: ²slingFunction: *noun*

1 a : an instrument for throwing stones that usually consists of a short strap with strings fastened to its ends and is whirled round to discharge its missile by centrifugal force

b : **SLINGSHOT** 1

2 a : a usually looped line (as of strap, chain, or rope) used to hoist, lower, or carry something; *especially* : a hanging bandage suspended from the neck to support an arm or hand

b : a chain or rope attached to a lower yard at the middle and passing around a mast near the masthead to support a yard

c : a chain hooked at the bow and stern of a boat for lowering or hoisting **d** : a device (as a rope net) for enclosing material to be hoisted by a tackle or crane

3 : a slinging or hurling of or as if of a missile

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